

Course Title – Creative Writing

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To build creative writing skills of students in the main modes of creative writing viz poetry, fiction (novel, short stories), non-fiction (life narratives, autobiographies and biographies) and drama.
- To inculcate practical skills in students by mapping their creative talent which is beneficial for employability too.
- To perform hands-on-activities to students to develop their creative skills through practical sessions.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- After studying this course, students will be able to be sensitive to the texture of literary language.
- After studying this course, students will be able to develop craft in creative writing.
- After studying this course, students will be able to develop sense of expressing themselves through poetry/short story/biography.
- After studying this course, students will be able to induce an understanding of the relationship between an individual and society.
- After studying this course, students will be able to get into different fields and pursue versatile career opportunities.
- After studying this course, students will be able to develop an understanding of theatre and performance through drama will also help them to develop observational and behavioural skills.
- After studying this course, students will be able to develop a critical thought process and a knack in putting it in words. Students may also utilise the learnings of proofreading and editing for their academic and professional growth.
- After studying this course, students will be able to go for publishing their own work.
- After studying this course, students will be able to write a book and submit.

SYLLABUS

UNIT 1

- Introduction to Creative Writing- Meaning, Importance
- Imagination & Writing- Peer-interaction, Activities on Imagination
- Tropes, Motifs and Figures- Learning tropes, motifs and figures through videos, Discussion on the findings
- Craft of Writing- Figure of Speech, Word Play, Character Creation
- Character Creation- Dialogue Enactment, Learning Characters through discussion on famous writings, Character Analysis, Writing activities on creating different types of characters (gender/social background/ethnicity etc.)

UNIT 2

- Close Reading
- Analysis and Interpretation- Reading different works in Literature, Discussion in small groups, Practice Writing Session
- Proofreading & Editing- Practice sessions on Proofreading & Editing of different types of writing

UNIT 3

- Steps of Creative Writing- Pre-Writing, Writing, Post-Writing/Final Draft
- Types of Creative Writing- Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction (Life Narratives), Drama
- Creative Writing & Media- Film Review, Book Review, Other Writings in Media, Submission, Publication
- Learning to write Poetry- Reading & understanding Poetry; Practising tone, rhyme, metre, verses; Writing sessions
- Learning to write Fiction- Reading & understanding Fiction; Practicing different elements of fiction (Short story, Novella, Novel); Writing sessions
- Learning to write Non-Fiction- Reading & understanding Non-Fiction (Biographies & Autobiographies); Practicing different elements of non-fiction; Writing sessions
- Learning to write Drama- Reading & understanding Drama; Practicing different elements (plot, character, climax, verbal & non-verbal cues) of Drama; Writing sessions
- Submission & Publication (in Print & Digital) - Discussions over how & where to submit and publish (online/offline), Hands-on activities

Suggested Readings

- *Creative Writing: A Beginners' Manual* by AnjanaNeira Dev et al. for The Department of English, University of Delhi (New Delhi: Pearson, 2008).


